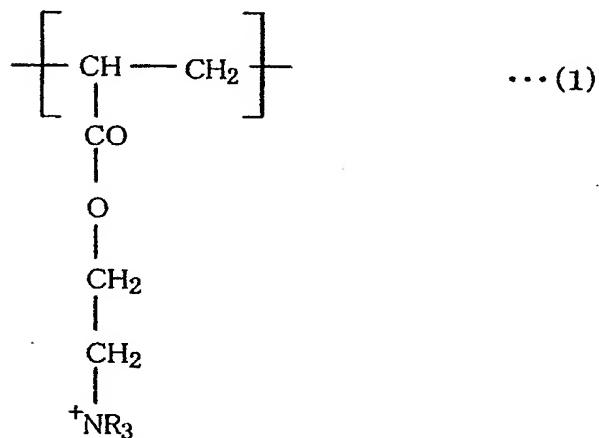


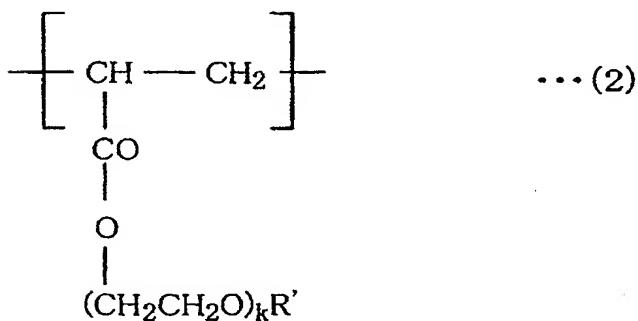
WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A sizing agent comprising:

a vinyl copolymer having a repeating unit (i) represented by general formula (1) and a repeating unit (ii) represented by general formula (2), the ratio by mass, (i):(ii), of the repeating unit (i) to the repeating unit (ii) being 60:40 to 90:10:



wherein R represents an alkyl group of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, and the alkyl group may be branched;



wherein R' represents an alkyl group of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, the alkyl group may be branched, and k represents a real number of 1 to 3.

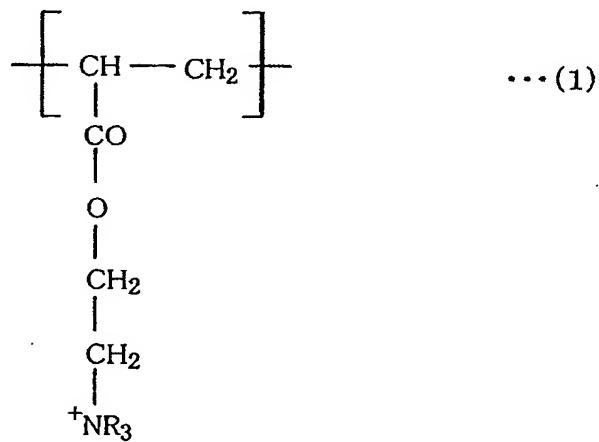
2. The sizing agent according to claim 1, wherein R in general formula (1) is a methyl group, R' in general formula (2) is a methyl group, and k in general formula (2) is 3.

3. A recording sheet comprising:

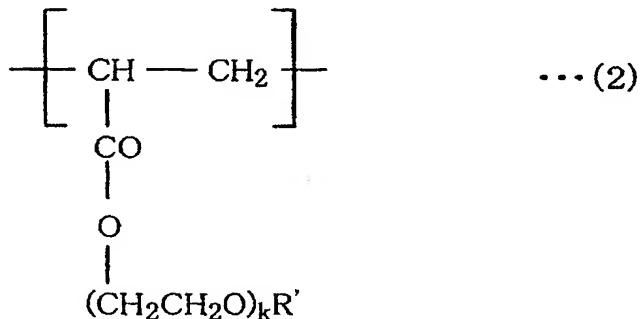
fibrous pulps;

fillers; and

a sizing agent comprising a vinyl copolymer having a repeating unit (i) represented by general formula (1) and a repeating unit (ii) represented by general formula (2), the ratio by mass, (i):(ii), of the repeating unit (i) to the repeating unit (ii) being 60:40 to 90:10:



wherein R represents an alkyl group of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, and the alkyl group may be branched;



wherein R' represents an alkyl group of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, the alkyl group may be branched, and k represents a real number of 1 to 3.

4. The recording sheet according to claim 3, wherein R in general formula (1) is a methyl group, R' in general formula (2) is a methyl group, and k in general formula (2) is 3.